

John Campbell (broadcaster)

John Campbell (born 10 February 1964) is a New Zealand journalist and radio and television personality. He has presented *Checkpoint*, Radio New Zealand's drive time show, since January 2016. For ten years prior to that (ending May 2015), he presented *Campbell Live*, a former 7 p.m. current affairs programme on TV3. He was a rugby commentator for Sky Sports during the All Blacks' test Samoa in early 2015—a fixture he had vocally campaigned for while hosting *Campbell Live*.

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Born	10 February 1964 <div>Wellington, New Zealand</div>
Show	Checkpoint
Station(s)	Radio New Zealand National
Time slot	Drivetime (5-7pm)
Country	 New Zealand

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Early career

Campbell was born in 1964; his parents are Jim and Wendy Campbell.^[1] He graduated from Wellington College and then from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours, and then worked as a share trader, providing a share report to Radio New Zealand's *Midday Report*. In 1989, Radio New Zealand (RNZ) offered him a job as a business reporter. He had no journalism training, but RNZ ran a cadetship system which provided him with the experience he needed. He read the three-minute news bulletins on the hour for RNZ, and then moved to TV3 in 1991 as a general reporter in their Wellington newsroom. He moved to their political press gallery a year later.

Television and later radio career

In 1994 he moved to the current affairs programme *20/20*, and later presented an interview/current events segment of *3 News*. After John Hawkesby left *3 News* in 1998, Campbell was asked to fill in, and he remained as the main *3 News* weekday newsreader along with Carol Hirschfeld until 2005. He began *Campbell Live* with Hirschfeld in March 2005. On 21 May 2015, TV3 announced that *Campbell Live* would soon cease to air, and Campbell had decided to leave MediaWorks,

despite having been offered a position co-hosting a replacement current affairs programme.^[2] Only one year of the offered three-year extension was to have been presenting Campbell Live, and the network was insisting the programme become more entertainment driven and reduce its concentration on core Campbell Live subjects, such as Christchurch after the earthquakes, child poverty, Pike River, and so on.^[3] The final programme aired on 29 May 2015.

Campbell's second Executive Producer on Campbell Live, Pip Keane, is now the Executive Producer of Checkpoint on RNZ.

Campbell and Carol Hirschfeld made two series of the interview programme *Home Truths*, and in 2004 they made a 12-part series touring New Zealand called *A Queen's Tour*, following the route of Queen Elizabeth's visit in 1953–1954. Campbell also hosted the Saturday Morning programme on Radio New Zealand for two years, from 2000 to 2002.

Campbell appeared in the sixth series of the successful New Zealand TV series *Outrageous Fortune* and frequently appeared in the animated series *bro'Town*.

Campbell took over as host of the Radio New Zealand current affairs programme *Checkpoint* in January 2016.

Campbell makes a cameo appearance in the 2016 New Zealand film Hunt for the Wilderpeople.

Awards

Campbell has won the Qantas Media Award for Best Investigative Current Affairs and for Best Presenter (twice), and the Best Presenter category for the New Zealand Film and Television Awards (twice).

In 2013, Campbell was named a Distinguished Alumni of Victoria University.

Campbell was named Presenter of the Year 2017 in the Association for International Broadcasting's 13th annual global awards.^[4] And in the 2017 New York Festivals World's Best Radio Programs Awards, Campbell won a Bronze Award in the category of Best News Anchor/Reporter.

See also

- List of New Zealand television personalities

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Media offices		
Preceded by <u>John Hawkesby</u>	<u>Newsreader of 3 News</u> (with <u>Carol Hirschfeld</u>) 1998–2005	Succeeded by <u>Hilary Barry</u> and <u>Mike McRoberts</u>
New television show	<u>Presenter of Campbell Live</u> 2005–2015	Show cancelled

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